

LUMPKIN COUNTY WATER AND SEWERAGE AUTHORITY

BOARD MEETING

September 15, 2015

Lumpkin County Administration Building Conference Room

Members in attendance: Murl Jones, John Gaston, Rhett Stringer, C. L. Grizzle

Others in attendance: Sean Phipps, Dee Harris, Joy Edelberg

Call to order: Chairman Murl Jones call the meeting to order at 2:05 pm

Approval of Agenda: John Gaston. Second: C. L. Grizzle. Motion carried unanimously.

August 25, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes: John Gaston. Second: C. L. Grizzle. Motion carried unanimously.

Financials: Director Sean Phipps presented financial reports for August. Member Rhett Stringer noted water purchases still high from well damage. Sean noted still under budget for the year even with the well being off line. Motion to accept August financial reports: Rhett Stringer. Second: John Gaston. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Murl Jones commented on The Louver Shop moving to Hall County. Comments were made that the business was able to obtain a larger building in Hall County at a greatly reduced rate. Chairman Jones noted that after they have moved we should look into moving the field lines on the property so we can use the well that was deeded to the Water Authority.

Camelot Water Line Extension –bids received were higher than expected. Sean and Johnny Trammell reviewed the plans and adjusted the scope of work for the project. Sean explained that they had removed the extra extension to put in a fire hydrant. The apparent low bidder is Griffin Brothers at \$642,103.15. The contract will have an initial change order to adjust bid to reflect changes in scope of work of \$101,691.89. Sean explained the engineering and administration fees combined with the higher cost even after the adjustments will still leave a shortfall of \$92,200 that the Authority will have to cover. He explained the Authority can use funds in the Renewal And Extension Account and excess in Revenue Account to cover most if not all of the shortfall. If necessary, we can use 2015 SPLOST funds identified for the looping project then replace the money for looping project in the Renewal & Extension Account.

The Revenue Account and Renewal & Extension Account are up \$106,575 and \$132,900 respectively. Current spending trends reflect supplies and operations expenses, health insurance, fuel costs and water purchases are all down year to date. Sean recommended leaving the Revenue & Extension Account with a \$95,000 balance, using \$35,000 from Revenue Account to cover the shortfall. Last resort use 2015 SPLOST funds.

Motion to approve the Resolution to award the contract for Water System Improvements to Griffin Brothers with Change Order #1 making contract amount \$540,411.26: John Gaston. Second: Murl Jones. Motion carried unanimously.

Director's report

Developer Jack Hartrampf is working on a potential development of a medical office complex next to the Shell Station at the corner of GA400 and Hwy 60. Potential for 12 units.

Rock Pointe townhomes expansion will add 32 new customers. It appears as though the owner is preparing the property to sell to another developer.

Year to Date revenue is a little higher than anticipated due to higher water sales than budgeted.

We are working on the 2016 budget.

Member John Gaston asked if Hartrampf's project will have individual taps for each office. Sean answered yes. Member Rhett Stringer asked if everything was set up for them at the intersection. Sean answered water and sewer are in the area; will just have to connect to the new building.

Member Rhett Stringer asked if the Authority had an overall master plan for the next 2 years plus. Sean answered the long range goal is to increase capacity to service Whelchel Valley and Lumpkin County Parkway areas. Goals primarily water expansion, not sewer. Also working to bring small, isolated water systems up to EPD standards.

Chairman Murl Jones asked about the water tank project.. Sean reported that member Vic Dover is talking with his client about the alternative site. Building the tank on the alternative property verse the church property will save money because the tank will not have to be as tall. Sean said he had not heard from Vic regarding the property since before Labor Day.

Motion to adjourn: Rhett Stringer. Second: Murl Jones. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 2:35pm

Approved